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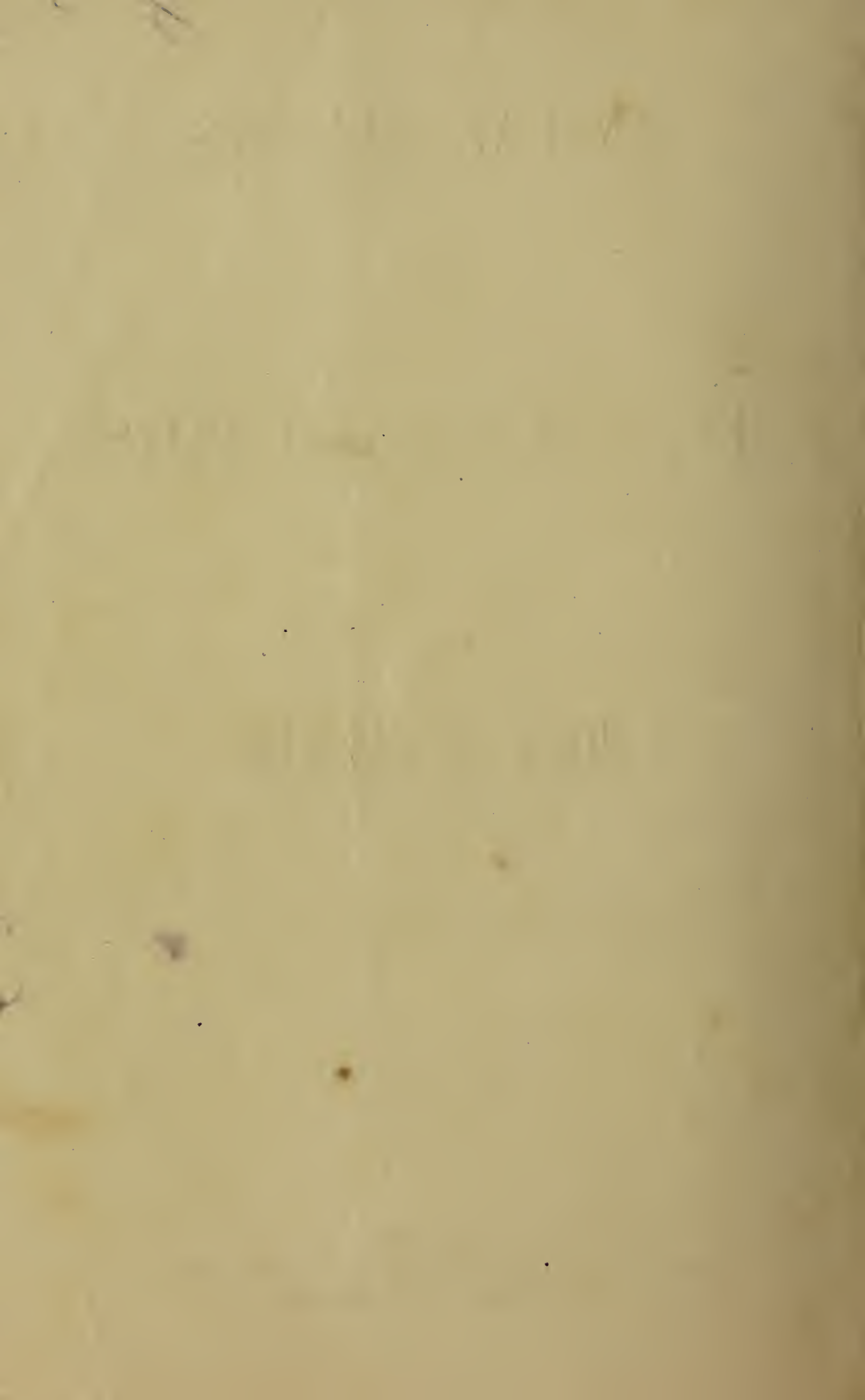
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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Report of the Selectmen of Oakham for the year ending  
March 1st, 1876:

### TOWN CLERK.

Paid Jesse Allen for services, \$17 65

### COLLECTOR.

Paid L. P. Lovell for services,	35 00	
do journey to Barre,	2 00	
do do Worcester,	4 00	
do recording deeds and affidavits	9 80	—\$50 80

### TREASURER.

Paid L. P. Lovell for services,	10 00	
do stationery, postage and express,	4 79	—\$14 79

### SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services,	45 00	
do perambulating town lines,	1 50	
M. O. Ayres for superintending Hall farm	5 00	
for postage and stationery,	55	—\$52 05

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid Overseers of the Poor, \$1221 07

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid School Committee, for services, \$99 50

### BREAKING ROADS.

Paid George Allen,	28 00
Michael Gaffney,	6 00
Patrick Gaffney,	35 00
H. W. Lincoln,	7 50
Wm. E. Keep,	30 15
D. M. Parker,	7 40
David H. Nye,	23 35
Daniel Town,	11 15
Page Austin,	32 00
A. C. Bullard,	7 40
L. N. Haskell,	35 45



Paid C. G. Parmenter,	2 60	
George Stone,	11 00	
Henry A. Crawford,	5 20	
Thomas M. Dwelly,	2 80	
Mark Haskell,	13 40	
S. H. Bullard,	24 50	
John Robinson,	10 60	
Mirick Presho,	2 20	
Isaac W. Pratt,	4 50	—\$300 20

## REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid D. M. Parker,	82 05	
A. C. Bullard,	77 17	
Thomas M. Dwelly,	50 55	
Wm. P. Dwelly,	41 00	
Page Austin,	63 00	
John Mathews,	60 00	
T. A. Morgan,	85 00	
L. N. Haskell,	67 00	
John Robinson,	74 30	
Patrick Gaffney,	38 00	
George W. Stone,	52 35	
Daniel Town,	56 00	
Michael Gaffney,	63 85	
Mark Haskell,	70 05	
C. J. Macomber,	2 60	
D. H. Nye,	73 70	—\$956 62

## SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid for West School,	258 41	
Coldbrook School,	172 82	
Centre do	569 65	
South do	180 45	
East do	169 50	
repairs and furniture for school hs.	17 58	—\$1368 41

## STATE AID.

Paid Daniel Town, guardian,	12 00	
David Lovell, do	52 00	—\$64 00

## TOWN DEBT.

Paid Almira B. Clapp,	500 00	
Adin Bullard,	445 00	
Dolly H. Maynard,	240 00	
Richardson, Hill & Co., note and inter-		
est, temporary loan,	1000 00	
Perley Ayres,	97 00	—\$2282 00

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid counsel fees in Hall case,	316 19
A. Spooner, Agent in Hall case,	10 00
costs of court, do	49 43
State Treasurer, interest,	1137 50
Charles Adams, do	210 00
Wm. S. Spear, do	30 00
Perley Ayres, do	36 15
M. O. Ayres, do	45 50
T. N. Fobes, do	65 00
Dolly H. Maynard do	34 00
Adin Bullard, do	53 40
Almira B. Clapp, do	29 75
John Robinson, do	17 50
Insurance on Memorial Hall,	148 25
do P. Hall buildings,	6 25
Tyler & Seagrave for printing,	30 04
J. Packard, services as sexton,	17 50
Settees for Memorial Hall,	218 73
Wm. M. Thompson, care of hall and ringing bell,	38 00
County tax,	509 42
State tax,	620 00
Corporation tax,	2 45
for deeds of Hall farm,	309 48
Discount on taxes,	400 33—\$4334 87

## SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER.

L. P. LOVELL, &amp;C.

To balance in Treasury March 1, 1875,	2902 05
Cash,	6 12
Cash borrowed of Richardson, Hill & Co.,	970 00
do for books sold,	11 51
do State Aid refunded,	172 00
do for National Bank tax,	25 36
do Corporation tax,	35 53
rent of Hall farm above taxes for 1876,	7 50
Cash for grass on common,	2 50
do Dog fund,	153 45
do from Massachusetts School Fund,	229 28
do from town of Rutland for tuition of children of Otis Chickering,	15 00
Town grant,	7400 00
State tax,	620 00
County tax,	509 42
Tax for school houses,	2635 00

To Overlayings on all taxes,	138 90
Re-assessment of tax on Hall estate,	278 58
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	\$16112 20
Cr. By paying Selectmen's orders,	10761 96
amount refunded to school districts by order of Assessors,	2293 25—13055 21
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Balance in treasury,	\$3056 99

## INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

To John Robinson,	250 00
Charles Adams,	2500 00
Estate of Alice Adams,	500 00
M. O. Ayres,	650 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	17500 00
Timothy N. Fobes,	1000 00
Perley Ayres,	419 00
William S. Spear,	500 00
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	\$23,319 00

M. O. AYRES,	} Selectmen of Oakham.
D. M. PARKER,	
H. W. LINCOLN,	



# Report of Overseers of Poor.

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Report of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Oakham for the year ending March 1st 1876 :

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully submit their annual report, and present the following as the result of their labors during the year now closing :

The whole number of persons having a legal pauper settlement in town at the commencement of the year, and have had full support, is six.

The whole number who have a legal settlement and have received partial support, or temporary relief, is twelve, making the whole number who have received full and partial support, eighteen.

They further report that they have received of the town,

Received of Edward P. Maynard,

\$1221 07

11 25

Whole amount of receipts.

\$1232 32

which they account for as follows :

Paid Susan M. Thresher for Lucy Robinson	110 00	
for Lucy M. Goodale,	169 00	
Stephen Chamberlain and wife,	73 86	
Freeman Severy,	79 50	432 36
William P. Dwelly for Freeman Severy,		129 71
There will be due Dr. Shannon for medical attendance on Freeman Severy, (27 00.)		
Paid Elijah S. Carter for Lydia Chamberlain,		75 00
Maria Burbank for Eliza Battise,		60 00
Thomas J. Chamberlain for Sally Foster,	79 50	
do do Stephen Chamberlain,	43 75	123 25
Dexter Knight for Arathusa Knight,		52 00
Alanson Prouty for Malinda Woodis and clothing for the poor,		55 01
City of Springfield for Lyman P. Crawford and family,		99 94
for Alice A. Perkins and child,		51 77
for keeping 41 tramps,		30 75

Wm. O. Keep for Stephen Stone,	6	12	
Dr. Shannon for medical attendance,	68	50	
Nathan S. Walker, wood for Malinda Woodis,	7	00	
John Robinson for burying Sophia Chamberlain,	2	00	
Horace Wilbur, shoes for Lydia Chamberlain,	2	00	
Mrs. E. S. Carter and S. M. Thresher, sewing,	6	90	
Page Austin for services,	10	00	
John Robinson do	10	00	
Nathan S. Walker, do	10	00	30 00
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			\$1232 32
Paid previous to April 1, 1875,	552	75	
since April 1, 1875,	679	57	
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			\$1232 32

There will be due April 1, 1876, \$500.

Name and age of persons who have been fully supported by the town during the year:

Reg. No.	Names.	Age.
No. 1.	Sally Foster,	95 years.
6.	Eliza Battise,	83 do
7.	Stephen Chamberlain,	68 do
8.	Lucy Robinson,	48 do
10.	Lucy M. Goodale,	30 do
16.	Freeman Severy,	43 do

Name and age of persons who have received partial support:

Reg. No.	Names.	Age.
No. 2.	Arathusa Knight,	84 years.
12.	Malinda Woodis,	83 do
13.	Lydia Chamberlain,	31 do
15.	Alice A. Perkins	— do
9.	Lyman P. Crawford, at Springfield, Mass.	62 do
17.	Patrick Kenney, Somerville, Mass.	43 do
18.	Hannah Kenney, do do	40 do
19.	Patrick Kenney, do do	17 do
20.	Elizabeth Kenney, do do	15 do
21.	Anna Kenney, do do	13 do
22.	John Kenney, do do	8 do

PAGE AUSTIN,	} Overseers of Poor.
JOHN ROBINSON,	
NATHAN S. WALKER,	

# School Report.

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The number of children in the town on the first of May, 1875, between the ages of five and fifteen, was one hundred and sixty-two, (162)—an increase in the number reported the preceding year of 16.

The number of different teachers employed in all the schools was eleven.

The town appropriated for schools	-	-	-	\$1000 00
We received from the State School Fund,	-	-	-	229 45
“ “ Dog Fund,	-	-	-	153 45

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Making our school fund,	-	-	-	\$1382 90
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Whole number of scholars in summer in the schools 153, in winter 176. Average attendance in summer 131, in winter nearly 156—we cannot give the exact number, as the West School is still in session.

## EAST HILL SCHOOL.

Summer term taught by Miss Susie N. Ripley. Length of school in months 3. Whole number of scholars 20. Average attendance 15. Wages of teacher per month \$20.

Winter term taught by Mr. Leonard P. Lovell. Length of school in months 3. Whole number of scholars 19. Average attendance 17. Wages of teacher per month \$32. Neither absent nor tardy—Eliza A. Parmenter, Mary B. Parmenter, Rosa Topp.

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

Summer term taught by Miss Jessie Morgan. Length of school in months  $2\frac{3}{4}$ . Whole number of scholars 23. Average attendance 21. Wages of teacher per month \$20.

Winter term taught by Mr. Horace W. Lincoln. Length of school in months  $3\frac{1}{4}$ . Whole number of scholars 24. Average attendance 21. Wages of teacher per month \$34. Neither absent nor tardy—Idelle Woodis, Nellie Bothwell, Jennie Bemis, David Hallowell, Harry Stoddard, Harry Flint, Joseph Durant, Harlan Bush, Paul King.



## WEST SCHOOL.

Summer term taught by Miss Rosa J. Bullard. Length of school in months  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Whole number of scholars 21. Average attendance 16. Wages of teacher per month \$20. Neither absent nor tardy—none.

Winter term taught by Mr. Henry A. Crawford. Length of school in months  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Whole number of scholars 29. Average attendance 25. Wages of teacher per month \$34. Neither absent nor tardy—Frank Gaffney, Charles S. Winslow.

## COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Summer term taught by Miss Frances E. Hallowell. Length of school in months 3. Whole number of scholars 26. Average attendance 20. Wages of teacher per month \$24. Neither absent nor tardy—Emma E. Coleman.

Winter term taught by Miss Frances E. Hallowell. Length of school in months 3. Whole number of scholars 28. Average attendance 25. Wages of teacher per month \$28. Neither absent nor tardy—Ida B. Coleman, Charlie D. Coleman, Fred. A. Stearns, Harry G. Stearns.

## CENTRE, NO. I.

Summer term taught by Miss Helen E. Cutler, of Ware. Length of school in months 3. Whole number of scholars 25. Average attendance 23. Wages of teacher per month \$30. Neither absent nor tardy—Allie M. Fuller, Florence I. Sargeant, Lillie E. Crawford, Frank K. Packard, Mattie I. Dean.

Winter term taught by Orlando S. Barr of North Brookfield. Length of school in months 3. Whole number of scholars 39. Average attendance 34. Wages of teacher per month \$40. Neither absent nor tardy—Carrie M. Lincoln, Florence I. Sargeant, Mary J. Robinson.

Whole number of tardy marks in this school 457. We do not blame the teacher for this, but we call attention to the fact, that all may see that there should be decided action to stop such unnecessary and wicked abuse of school privileges. Many of those who were thus marked, lived within one half mile of the school house, and we believe would blush to see their names with the number of tardy marks set against them.

## CENTRE NO. II.

Summer term taught by Miss Jane E. Shedd. Length of school in months 3. Whole number of scholars 38. Average attendance 35.



Wages of teacher per month \$28. Neither absent nor tardy—J. Etta Bullard, Carrie V. Bartlett, L. Belle Frink, Lillie E. Robinson, Lilla Spooner, Emma V. Simmons, M. Lizzie Sheern, Fannie M. Thompson, Winnie Ayres, Frank E. Burt, Charley Haskell, D. Oscar Lovell, John R. Thrasher.

Winter term taught by Miss Lizzie J. Bullard. Length of school in months 3. Whole number of scholars 33. Average attendance 33. Wages of teacher per month \$28. Neither absent nor tardy—Mary Maynard, Lillian E. Robinson, Myrtie M. Wilbur, Mary L. Wilbur.

We will give the items of school expense, believing it will be of interest to many.

Paid Susan N. Ripley,	\$60 00	Paid for wood, C. Wood,	\$11 00
Leonard P. Lovell,	96 00	Chas. O. Adams,	12 50
Jessie Morgan,	55 00	West School,	24 00
Horace W. Lincoln,	110 50	Coldbrook,	19 62
Rosa J. Bullard,	50 00	care of furnace,	13 00
Henry A. Crawford,	119 00	Ed. Crawford, bdg.fire,	2 30
Francis E. Hallowell,	156 00	Herbert Bush,	" 2 25
Helen E. Cutler,	90 00	Dennis Leyden,	" 2 50
Orlando S. Barr,	120 00	Arthur Coleman,	" 2 00
Jennie E. Shedd,	84 00	Miscellaneous,	8 08
Lizzie J. Bullard,	84 00	moving and rep. privy,	6 00
for coal,	60 00	rep. Coldbrook school h.	3 00
Whole expense,		- - -	\$1190 00

In hiring teachers we intend to give the preference to residents of this town, before strangers of equal qualifications. We think the schools under our care have, during the past year, with one or two exceptions, been very successful.

We notice manifest improvement in the general order of the schools. There has evidently been less whispering, less leaving of seats to study with other scholars. Schools will no longer give satisfaction in which either is allowed. Parents will do much to accomplish this work, if they will lend their influence in favor of these important steps toward good order. The older scholars have great influence in every school, and the success of the school in a great measure depends upon them. Many scholars among us are worthy of praise, and the confidence of their teachers and friends, others are not, but are bent on following their own inclinations regardless of the wishes of those who are seeking their highest good.

In closing we have to thank the friends of education for the interest they have manifested in the welfare of the schools, and we hope you may have the pleasure of seeing improvement from year to year.

HORACE W. LINCOLN, }  
LEONARD P. LOVELL, } School Committee.  
JESSE ALLEN, }

